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**SIR:**

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 16, 2005 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following with a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.